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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : All-Weather Reconnaissance with the U-2

1. Some days ago I discussed with you the possibility of permitting U-2 aircraft to descend to relatively low altitudes in order to get under cloud cover and obtain urgently needed tactical reconnaissance in Indonesia. We talked in terms of planning such missions when the aircraft would not have to descend much below 20,000 feet over the target area.

2. I asked [redacted] my Director of Operations, to study the feasibility and desirability of this mode of operation. His conclusions are submitted herewith. I am sure you will concur, as I do, in his recommendation that this concept of operation not be employed.

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